WIDESPREAD REJOICING.

Great Conservative Awakening From Ocean to Ocean.

EVERY PROVINCE COMMENDS THE LEADER'S WORK OF RE-ORGANIZATION.

A National Ovation to Sir Charles Tupper---A Flood of Congratulatory Messages to the Conservative Leader Are Pouring in From All Parts of the Dominion.

Sir Charles Tupper has visited Montreal, consulted supporters, looked over the situation, received carte blanche to reorganize the party as seemed best to his judgment and has got for his well thought out plans the fullest and most unequivocal endorsation ever given by any party in any country to any leader.

In his library in Ottawa he sits thinking out the details of the next campaign, planning a policy that will reduce the burdens of taxation, improve the farmers' markets by getting for the farmers the preference Britain offered and Laurier refused.

If the farmers should receive, as Sir Charles Tupper proposes they shall, such consideration as they are fairly entitled to, it is sanguinely believed your property will quickly recover much of what it has lost in past years.

On entering Sir Charles Tupper's library the first thing that strikes the visitor is the stacks of letters and telegrams piled on desks, chairs, library shelves, mantel piece, window sills, and even littering the floor. These are messages from all parts of every province congratulating Sir Charles on his quick initiative, on his good judgment and the reuniting effect of his magnetic touch by which the party is being rallied into solid phalanxes, all looking to the commander in chief for orders and expressing willingness to serve for him and the party and the country under any lieutenants that may be given to them.

Sir Charles Tupper had only to speak—to state that his plans of reorganization had begun—when the strongest assurances of support were uttered by members of the Conservative party all over Canada.

The newspapers from the Atlantic to the Pacific have spoken in the same manner and under the inspiration of the unanimous feeling that in Sir Charles Tupper the great Liberal Conservative party has its most forceful, most capable and its strongest leader. The following extracts show how squarely all sections of the country are lined up behind "The War Horse of Cumberland":

A THOROUGH ORGANIZATION.

(From the Summerside, P.E.I., Journal.)

The Conservatives are getting into better condition all around. In Ontario the movement is assuming definite shape in the great centres, and the provincial election campaign in New Brunswick, which is now in full swing, is the basis of better party organization than has been known in that province for many years. The Conservative conference of this province, held a few days ago in Charlottetown, was animated by the same idea. In Quebec, the pivotal province, as it may be called, a great deal of important work has lately been done along these lines, under the personal direction of Sir Charles Tupper, and it is only preparatory to general and complete organization. All this means that the Conservative party will be, at the next Dominion election, which may come sooner than some people expect, in a better position than they have been for many years past to move on to victory.

TAKING THE RIGHT COURSE.

(The Brantford Courier.)

Sir Charles Tupper is taking exactly the right course in organizing the Conservative party for the general elections.

A large portion of the reverse of 1896 was attributable to the fact that long continuance in office had developed the idea that defeat was impossible and once more an emphatic illustration was afforded of the danger of over confidence.

The present is not one whit too early to prepare for the next contest. Every one at all familiar with the matter is well aware of the fact that campaigns are not won in the days of fighting nearly so much as they are during systematic and careful preparation of details which should properly be attended to months before the actual fray. By the time the firing commences most men have their sympathies enlisted either on one side or the other and a sudden impulsive gathering of the forces at the last moment may be magnificent, but it is not politics.

Steady drill, watchful care of the voters lists, the enlistment of the sympathies and co-operation of the young men; these and kindred essentials are the things which count and count heavily when the time of battle arrives, and Sir Charles Tupper manifests a highly commendable appreciation of these truths.

Quebec has been placed under the direction of a very efficient man, backed by a powerful committee, and it is announced that all the other provinces will also be speedily organized on similar lines.

Matters certainly cannot be brought into efficient working order any too soon as far as the best interests of the Conservative party are concerned.

SIR CHARLES A HUSTLER.

(The Richmond, Que., Guardian.)

The veteran leader last week took advantage of the improved outlook and set to work to organize the forces once more; and he did not take long to do it. Sir Charles is a hustler in spite of his advanced age. The organization has been set going in Quebec, and Sir Charles is now in Ontario gathering up the loose ends there.

PUT UP A VIGOUROUS FIGHT.

(The Arnprior Chronicle.)

The work of re-organizing the Conservative party in Quebec, to which province Mr Laurier is indebted for office, has been begun by Sir Charles Tupper, who has to help him, Mr. Henry Dalby, until lately editor of the Montreal Star. After getting matters in shape in Quebec, other portions of the Dominion will receive attention; consequently, when the Dominion House is dissolved the Conservatives will be in a position to put up a vigourous fight and probably turn down the Government.

CONSERVATIVES GRATIFIED.

(The Victoria Colonist.)

Conservatives everywhere will be gratified to know that their veteran leader is on the alert and so thoroughly able to direct the affairs of their great party. Like a wise general, Sir Charles knows that the time to prepare for action is when there is a period of enforced inactivity. This is the time when the best organization work can be done. There is a disposition among some people to throw the responsibility of keeping up the cause of their political party altogether upon the shoulders of the newspapers, and it is the effort to do this which causes the papers to devote so much attention to party questions that their readers grow weary of them, and the effect of what is said is in the greater part lost. To ensure success, a strong, active and business-like organization is required, and this is what Sir Charles Tupper is seeking to provide for the Conservatives. British Columbia is getting into very good shape, so far as the matter of organization goes; but the Colonist's advice to the Conservatives of this province is to leave no stone unturned in their preparations for the political fight of their lives, which may be precipitated any day after June next.

SIR CHARLTS HARD AT WORK.

(The Brockville Times.)

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier gets back from Washington he will find that vigourous old man Sir Charles Tupper hard at work organizing the Conservative party throughout the Dominion. The old war horse, they used to call him, and he is getting ready for a big fight in which he is determined to win.

Henry Dalby has been connected with the Montreal Daily Star for about twenty years and is acquainted with almost every one in Montreal. He is shrewd, tactful, resourceful, witty, and will do splendid work as an organizer.

There will be no division in the Conservative party in the next general election. The party will be solidly united and thoroughly organized from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

"READY FOR THE FRAY."

The Belleville Intelligencer thus heads the intelligence regarding the reorganization in Quebec. The Intelligencer is Sir Mackenzie Bowell's paper.

"WITH SINGULAR VIGOUR."

Referring to what Sir Charles Tupper accomplished in Montreal the Witness of Montreal says:

"The work of organization having been completed with singular vigour, Sir Charles Tupper has left for Ottawa, where he will rest for a few days, afterwards proceeding to Toronto, where he will confer with the local Conservative leaders, and perfect the work of organization for Ontario."

Again the Witness says:

"The greatest admiration has been expressed among Conservatives for the skill and firmness which Sir Charles has shown in the preliminary work of organization. It is recognized that he is about to make a supreme fight on behalf of the party at the next general election, and Sir Charles has the reputation of being the best political organizer in the Dominion."

"SIR CHARLES HAS DONE WELL"

(Halifax Herald.)

We are glad to see that Sir Charles Tupper will presently call upon the other provinces to get to work at this most necessary preparation for anything like a representative election. The other party has been organized and standing ready to fight any day for the last fifteen years; and if the Liberal-Conservatives are to make a show at an election commensurate with their real strength, they must make such preparation as is essential to get the total vote polled on election day. That is the main point of organization and cannot be attained without it. Party organization is not for dishonest purposes, but for the honest purpose of getting the party vote polled on election day.

That the Liberal-Conservatives of every province should get to work in this respect, there can be no doubt; Sir Charles has done well in early reminding them of their duties, that they may not be caught unprepared. When there will be a general election, we cannot say; but that the Liberal-Conservatives will not be too well organized for it, even if they begin now, can be said with absolute certainty.

"THE LEADER'S GOOD WORK."

(The St. John Sun.)

Montreal is not only the chief commercial city of Canada, but it is also a centre of thought and influence. Sir Charles Tupper thinks that it should also, as well as Toronto, be a centre of political activity and organization. The appointment of a permanent party organizer in Montreal is a prudent and sagacious proceeding, and the choice of an organizer has fallen on one of the most capable and successful journalists in Canada. Both parties have always employed organizers, but the Conservatives, since the election, have not paid as much attention to organization as their opponents did when they were out of power. More than half the ordinary parliamentary term has passed away, and the leader does well to begin the work of preparation.

"CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN READINESS."

(The Ottawa Citizen.)

Sir Charles Tupper has been in consultation with leading Conservatives throughout the country with a view to placing the Conservative party in a thorough state of preparedness and making permanent provision for keeping the party in effective fighting trim. A central committee has been formed with Mr. James Crathern, of Montreal, as treasurer, and Mr. Henry Dalby as organizer. This is a good move and will have the result of securing united action in thoroughly organizing the forces of the Conservative party in readiness for future developments which may culminate at any time

"ACTIVE AND AGGRESSIVE."

(Quebec Chronicle.)

The appointment of Mr. Henry Dalby, late managing editor of the Montreal Star, as English Conservative organizer in Quebec, is an important political move. Mr. Dalby's wide and successful newspaper experience in this province, and his intimate knowledge of public affairs, cannot fail to make him a most effective man in the field. The fact that Sir Charles Tupper has so speedily effected the arrangement whereby the Conservative forces will be marshalled in this province, shows that the distinguished statesman is not allowing the grass to grow under his feet, and proposes while he leads an Opposition to lead one that is active and agressive.

"MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES."

(The Montreal Gazette.)

Sir Charles Tupper has been actively engaged during the last few days in consulting the leading Conservatives of Montreal, and in making arrangements for the organization of the party for the next campaign. He has formed the nucleus of what promises to be a very complete and efficient organization. Mr. Henry Dalby, for many years editor of the Star, has re-

signed that position to act as the organizer of the English portion of the Conservative party here, and as the confidential representative of Sir Charles Tupper in this city. Mr. James Crathern, so well and favourably known to all our citizens, has consented to be the treasurer of the organization. Mr. Dalby's well known good qualities will commend him to all who are interested in consolidating and strengthening the party for the next campaign. Sir Charles Tupper, as leader of the party, will thus be brought into closer touch with the Quebec wing. He will know every detail of progress made, and, besides knowing what every individual and every organization is doing, will be in a position to exercise his influence here even when engaged in the other provinces. It is understood measures of a most effective character are to be taken in the other parts of the Dominion, so that there will be a complete organization, all parts acting in concert for the general good. Not for many years has the outlook for the future of the Conservative party been so bright, and we feel assured the members of the party, from the leaders down, will enter into the work with enthusiasm.

"PROSECUTED WITH VIGOUR."

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Sir Charles Tupper, since his return to Canada, has lost no time in proceeding with the organization of the Conservative party, with a view to placing it on a fighting basis. For some days he has been in Montreal, and while there he formed a strong committee, with Mr. James Crathern, ex-president of the Board of Trade, as its treasurer, and Mr. Henry Dalby as the organizer for the English-speaking Conservatives of Quebec.

Mr. Crathern is a gentleman of great business capacity, while Mr. Dalby, who has been for twenty years managing editor of the Montreal Star, will be a most acceptable and most able worker, bringing to his office the confidence of the best men in the province.

It is understood that the business of organization will be prosecuted with vigour and that the party from one end of the country to the other will be prepared for the contest, whenever it may come.

On February 15 the same paper said:—

For forty years Sir Charles has fought the battle of his country.

In Nova Scotia he emancipated the coal mines from a monopoly and gave them to the people; there, also, he established a system of public education and carried the Confederation project through.

Coming to Ottawa, he advocated the National Policy, laboured for the acquisition of the North-West, and was the member of the Government who laid before the country the plan for the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway and the development of the Western territories, and of the mineral region of the Pacific.

Sir Charles has done heavy work for Canada, and he is to the fore again, strong, hearty and energetic, working for the progressive principles he has for so long represented, and endeavouring to build up a prosperous Dominion.

"CHARACTERISTIC PLUCK AND ENERGY."

(The London Free Press.)

With characteristic pluck and energy the Conservative leader has set the ball in motion for the coming Dominion campaign in the province which was the enemy's stronghold. It is both natural and certainly courageous that where the Conservative party met with an adverse majority in 1896, the fight should be first renewed. And it is inspiring to Conservatives all over the Dominion elsewhere that the party adherents in the province of Quebec have rallied to the side of Sir Charles Tupper for a vigourous effort to recover the lost ground. Leading Conservatives of Montreal have joined for reorganization under the great general who has borne the brunt of so many battles and led the party to victory in past campaigns. It is announced that Sir Charles has entered upon the work with his old-time vim and heartiness.

From recent appearances, too, the political soil of Quebec province has become more promising than it seemed to be a year or two ago. The people there have come to understand how they have been hoodwinked and sold by their present rulers. They were captivated by the charm and apparent sincerity of their chief leader, Sir Wilfrid. The "sunny ways" of an unique personality took their attention for a while. Sir Wilfrid's fair-spoken pledges appealed to their imagination. They had come to regard him as a leader who would be a true exponent of their racial feelings, with, at the same time, the art of conciliating the English-speaking peoples of Canada. They have awakened to the truth of Sir Wilfrid's shifty and unstable character. It is now realized that his pledges meant nothing but the pursuit of power, and instead of being the principal force he is but a subjective entity in his Cabinet of mystery.

This is why the Conservatives of Montreal are urging upon their great leader vigourous reorganization measures. They have a revived confidence in their cause. The people of Quebec are bound to revolt from a policy of deceit and trickery, of which they have been such repeated dupes; and to whom should they turn but to the leader whose record is one of unblemished faith and strong capacity to rule? Sir Charles Tupper stands before the people of Canada to-day the true and trusty standard bearer as when he fought side by side with Sir John Macdonald, Sir George Cartier, Sir Leonard Tilley and other great men of the country now passed away; and the confidence which Quebec reposes in him is shared by the thinking Conservatives of Ontario.

TO FIGHT WITHOUT CESSATION.

(The Winnipeg Telegram.)

It is with characteristic vigour that Sir Charles Tupper, on his return from Europe, has taken up the work of party organization. This was a work he had intended undertaking on his return to Canada last summer. But the appointment of the impending International negotiations caused him to defer the opening of his campaign; for the patriotic reason that he did not wish to imperil the success of those negotiations by any action or criticism likely to embarrass the Canadian Government in its conferences with the Washington Commissioners: a course of action which, by the way, secured for him the other day the commendation of the Free Press as "the attitude of a British statesman." But the seal of quiescence thus imposed on himself by Sir Charles Tupper will shortly be removed by the completion of the Washington negotiations. Sir Charles Tupper will then enter upon his deferred campaign and keep up the fight against the Government without cessation until the elections.

The organization Sir Charles Tupper has created will enable the Conservative party to profit from the undisciplined condition of the Liberals to the fullest extent. Sir Charles Tupper states that similar work to what he has done in Quebec will be carried on in other provinces. The display of energy on the part of their veteran leader cannot but have a stimulating effect on Conservatives generallly. It is by no means too soon for Conservatives to set to work and assume the aggressive. In the course of a couple of years, the present Government must face the people in any event. The Government may spring an election on the country at any time, for its members cannot but see that the longer an appeal to the people is deferred, the worse the Government's reputation grows. They would, therefore, be glad of a pretext for endeavouring to snatch a verdict before the general discontent against them has had time to crystalize, and before the Conservative party has had opportunity to get into the best fighting trim. They might create such a pretext by using the result of the Washington negotiations as an excuse for a dissolution, or they might introduce next session a gerrymander bill which the Senate would be compelleld to reject, and then go to the country on an Anti-Senate cry, in the hope that such would divert discussion from their administrative record. For these

contingencies Conservatives must be prepared. "Be ready" must be their watchword; and their leader's example of organizing activity is one which Conservatives everywhere will do well to imitate.

"HIS OLD-TIME VIGOUR."

(North Sydney Herald.)

Sir Charles Tupper is on the wing in the Upper Provinces. One day he is in Ottawa, the next in Montreal, and a day or two later he is in Toronto. The great "war horse" is engaged in organization, and is meeting his generals at different points for the purpose of having them mass their troops for the next Federal "battle of ballots." The veteran leader apparently has not lost his old time vigour.

"IS REALLY WONDERFUL."

(From the Quebec Courier du Canada.)

The old Conservative chief is really wonderful. No sooner has he arrived from Europe, than he is busy in Montreal, organizing the party with a vigour and certainty of judgment that evokes the hearty admiration of his party, and the rage of his adversaries. The presence of Mr. Dalby and Mr. Crathern at the head of the English section of the party shows the influence and prestige of Sir Charles. It takes an old fighter to be able to enlist such eminent citizens in the active campaign. We understand that Sir Charles does not intend to stop here, but will himself take charge of the general organization. We fully agree with his plans, for with his vast experience, his magnetism, his energy and his prestige, he is in a position to do many things which would be impossibilites for others. Proud of following him, the Conservatives will refuse him nothing that can aid the success of the party. Sir Charles thought that it would be better to await the end of the International Conference before beginning a general campaign, and he was right. Many impartial and independent spirits felt the same way, and wanted to await the result of the conference before choosing their side, so that they could be better prepared to discuss the situation.

At the same time Sir Charles has not been idle by any means. No matter whether he was travelling on business or pleasure he never missed a chance to get into the arena. Only last year, while making a flying visit to New York, he stopped at several different places to enthuse his friends with the vigour of his word and the vivacity of his spirit. This year between two voyages to Europe he found time to visit his electors in Cape Breton, and to run through the Maritime Provinces. Possibly, the opening of the House, which will take place shortly after the ministers return from Washington will prevent him from commencing his campaign before summer, but it is certain that the session will find him prepared for the battle, and there is no doubt whatever, but he will uphold his repuation. Age is nothing to a strong man like he, and it would be difficult to find a more vigourous man in every respect than Sir Charles. He is of the old stock, of the class of men who do not even bend under the load of eighty years. The example given by the Conservative chief is well calculated to stimulate the zeal of all friends of the good cause. But, as we have said before, it is not always necessary to have the chiefs with us to do certain work, and it is not necessary to have them with us to arrange for a good revision of the lists, to cultivate our friends, to furnish them with good arguments, to fight continuallly for our rights and to hold the party ready for the great battle.

There are certain conditions where all this can be done without the aid of the chiefs, and in doing so consists one of the secrets of success. We may expect the general Federal elections from now on within a year, and we ought to actively prepare ourselves for them. It is useless to be frightened of the temporary success of the Liberals. Their prestige has no other foundition than wind, corruption and money. A good propaganda and active vigilance will be sufficient to make all these things tumble down. All other provinces are in fighting trim, it is time for Quebec to follow their example and that of the old chief, Sir Charles Tupper.

PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE.

(Le Quotidien of Levis.)

An important political movement is making itself heard from one end of the Dominion to the other. The Conservatives are preparing for the great battle that is coming and the chief of the party, Sir Charles Tupper, is actively engaged in naming the generals, who will have charge of the Conservative army. Sir Charles has gone to Ottawa, after having nominated, with the approval of the party, Mr. Henry Dalby as chief organizer of the English element in the province of Quebec. So as to be able to devote all his time and energy to this position of confidence, he has resigned his position as editor in chief of the Star, which position he has held for twenty years. Mr. James Crathern, ex-president of the Board of Trade, has consented to act as treasurer of the organization.

THE ORGANIZER'S STRENGTH.

Glengarry News (Liberal).

Mr. Henry Dalby, who has for some years past been managing editor of the Montreal Star, has recently been appointed organizer for the English-speaking section of the Conservative party in the province of Quebec. If Mr. Dalby puts forth as much energy in behalf of the Conservative party as organizer as he did as managing editor of the Star, his efforts should count a good deal.

GRAND OLD FIGHTER.

(The Toronto Telegram.)

It is impossible even for enemies to deny Sir Charles Tupper the tribute of sincere admiration for his qualities as the stalwart fighting leader of the Opposition.

The remedial bill was the great cause of difference between Sir Charles and his old admirers in Toronto, and the removal of that issue restores the relationship between the leader and the followers to the old basis of esteem.